

March 21, 2016

Chair Brenda Johnson and Members
City of Hamilton Planning Committee

c/o Ms. Ida Bedioui, Legislative Coordinator
City of Hamilton
71 Main Street West
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Dear Ms. Johnson and Committee Members:

**REQUEST TO APPEAR AS A DELEGATION TO THE APRIL 19TH, 2016 PLANNING
COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Hamilton affiliate of Habitat for Humanity has been actively providing affordable home ownership throughout the City of Hamilton for many years. During this time, we have enjoyed an excellent rapport and relationship with the City, in particular, by refunding planning application fees, development charges and other municipal fees. The City has been partnering with Habitat in providing much needed affordable home ownership for many hardworking Hamilton families. The process followed to date has been that Habitat has had to pay these fees as part of the normal development process and then seek reimbursement at a subsequent date. I understand that Staff will be bringing forward a report to the April 19th Committee Meeting which will, if approved, provide for a blanket exemption of having to pay these fees up front. This initiative will greatly enhance our cash flow and allow Habitat greater financial flexibility together with completing more builds and serving more families.

Please consider this letter as my formal request to appear as a delegation for the April 19th, 2016 meeting so that I can express our support for this terrific Staff initiative.

Yours truly,



John Ariens, MCIP, RPP
Vice Chair, Hamilton Habitat for Humanity

cc: Mr. Steve Robichaud, MCIP, RPP, Director of Planning
Mr. Edward John, MRTPI, Senior Project Manager